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## **BY ECF**

The Honorable Colleen McMahon United States District Judge Daniel P. Moynihan U.S. Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

Re: Bonner & Gibney v. Central Intelligence Agency

No. 18 Civ. 11256 (CM)

## Dear Judge McMahon:

The parties write respectfully to provide a report on the status of this matter, which has been stayed for 60 days to permit the Central Intelligence Agency's Prepublication Review Board ("PRB") to conduct a supplemental review of a manuscript by former Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent Ali Soufan, a non-party.

The PRB received the manuscript on March 19, 2019, and had anticipated completing the review within 45 days, or by May 1, 2019. However, the PRB has determined it will need an additional two weeks, or until May 17, 2019, to complete the review. Thereafter, the parties will meet and confer regarding any remaining redactions to the manuscript, to determine if any disputes remain.

The parties respectfully propose that they submit a further status report to the Court by June 17, 2019, to advise the Court whether any disputes remain and, if so, to propose a schedule for further proceedings. The parties further request that the stay remain in place pending further Order of the Court.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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